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In poem, song and prose, you have been praised  
For your courage, for your fortitude;  
In crossing the unending plains,  
Past the volcanic Rocks,  
You came at last to a lifeless valley  
And there in that long-abandoned desolation  
Your leader stopped and said—  
"This is the place."

This! the Mecca of your dreams and struggle  
A desert valley by a Sea of Salt.

More fertile lands you had passed by,  
More forests tall; more water ways.  
The planting season has long since gone;  
Your wagon is light;  
Winter and the Redman stalk your trail,  
And there in that long-abandoned desolation  
Your leader had stopped and said—  
"This is the place."

The sky turns mauve, ochre and crimson.  
The sun goes down in a Sea of Salt.

The night drops quickly down and  
The fires glow red; the beast-calls  
Echo through the distant stillness.  
The magic of the star  
Glimmer above the snow-capped mountains;  
And there in that long abandoned desolation  
In your first sleep you murmur,  
"This is the place."

The rosy dawn climbs the mountains,  
Cool breezes blow from a Sea of Salt.

You stir in a new day, refreshing and clear.  
The dry soil is cool, beneath your hard brown palm,  
Your eyes meet those of your neighbour,  
Will he hew and build,  
While you plough and plant and carry water?  
And there within the circle of this new horizon  
Begin a new world for your  
Children and your God.

Season follows season for a hundred years,  
In a desert land by a Sea of Salt.

In a shining city with Temple towers  
We bow in adulation; We emulate your work-ways  
In an empire of bounty and beauty.  
The cool breezes blow,  
And your children wake each rosy dawn,  
Protected in the circle of snow-capped mountains  
From a Greater desolation, that men have wrought  
Out-side the place.

This! the Mecca of your dreams and struggle  
A favoured land by a Sea of Salt.

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**THIS MONTH'S COVER — — — — — LOGAN TEMPLE**

**O**CCUPYING a commanding position above the broad, fertile Cache Valley, stands Utah's northernmost temple. The Logan Temple was dedicated on May 17th, 1884, by President John Taylor as President of the Church. The main section of the temple is 171 feet long, 95 feet wide, and 86 feet high, with an octagonal tower at each corner that is 100 feet high. The tower at the east end is 170 feet high and the tower at the west end is 165 feet high.

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# OF THE GOSPEL

**R**ECENTLY, in Norway, I listened to a class discussion of a Priesthood quorum. Their lesson was on Section 2 of the **Doctrine and Covenants**. As the comments of the various brethren were communicated to me in whispered translations by one of the missionaries, I was impressed by two things: first, how diligently these members of the Church in Norway had studied the revelations in the **Doctrine and Covenants**; second, I was appalled at the discovery that most of the supplementary reference material on the Gospel which we use so freely in English are entirely closed books to these people, as apparently none of the teachings of our great leaders—Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff—have ever been translated into the Norwegian language.

Section 2 is a short but very important section. In point of time, it is the first revelation given to be recorded in the **Doctrine and Covenants**. Even though the English-speaking members of the Church have access to many authoritative comments, it is entirely probable that a great many of them have not understood the full import of Section 2.

Elder John A. Widtsoe was once inspired to say:—

**“The beginning and the end of the Gospel is written in Section 2 of the ‘Doctrine and Covenants.’ It is the keystone of the wonderful Gospel arch; and if that centre stone should weaken and fall out the whole Gospel structure would topple down in unorganised doctrinal blocks.”**

Let us examine this section to see why it is of such crucial worth. It reads:—

**“1. Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet, before the com-**

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ing of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

**“2. And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers.**

**“3. If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming.”**

## THE PRIESTHOOD RESTORED BY ELIJAH

It is well known that John the Baptist restored the Aaronic Priesthood and Peter, James and John the Melchizedek Priesthood. What Priesthood, then, was there left for Elijah to restore? Elder Joseph Fielding Smith has written:

**“The reason Elijah is known as ‘the prophet’ and the one who was to restore the keys of the Priesthood to save the world from utter ruin, is because he not only magnified his Priesthood, but because of the magnitude of the authority placed upon him. He held the keys of sealing power. This authority gave him power to close the heavens that it did not rain except by his command. . . . Moreover, Elijah was clothed**

with the fulness of Priesthood and by this authority all things done in the name of the Lord are made valid. Without it, nothing would be complete. It is the power by which a man and a woman are united for time and for all eternity in the temple. By this authority parents have claim upon their children who are born under the everlasting covenant. The family, through the power of this sealing, is made perpetual, that is to say, it will continue beyond the grave. It is by this authority that generation is linked to generation in one grand whole, from the days of Adam to the end of time, composed of all those who are entitled through their faithfulness, to exaltation in the celestial kingdom of God." (The Way to Perfection, p. 159)

The Prophet Joseph Smith gave this further definition:

"What is this office and work of Elijah? It is one of the greatest and most important subjects that God has revealed. He should send Elijah to seal the children to the fathers, and the fathers to the children . . . that is without us, they could not be made perfect, nor we without them; the fathers without the children, nor the children without the fathers.

"I wish you to understand this subject, for it is important; and if you will receive it, this is the spirit of Elijah, that we redeem our dead, and connect ourselves with our fathers which are in heaven, and seal up our dead to come forth in the first resurrection; and here we want the power of Elijah to seal those who dwell on earth to those who dwell in heaven. This is the power of Elijah and the keys of the kingdom of Jehovah." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 337-338)

#### THE MISSION OF ELIJAH THE PROPHET

"Elijah was the last prophet that held the keys of the Priesthood, and who will, before the last dispensation, restore the authority and de-



Archibald F. Bennett

liver the keys of the Priesthood, in order that all the ordinances may be attended to in righteousness." (Ibid p. 172)

"Again: The doctrine of sealing power of Elijah is as follows: If you have power to seal on earth and in heaven, then we should be wise. The first thing you do, go and seal on earth your sons and daughters unto yourself, and yourself unto your fathers in eternal glory." (Ibid 340)

#### SAVIOUR ON MOUNT ZION

"The Bible says, 'I will send you Elijah the Prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.'

"Now, the word 'turn' here should be translated 'bind,' or 'seal.' But what is the object of this important mission? or how is it to be fulfilled? The keys are to be delivered, the spirit of Elijah is to come, the Gospel to be established, the Saints of God gathered, Zion built up, and the Saints to come up as saviours on Mount Zion.

"But how are they to become saviours on Mount Zion? By building their temples, erecting their

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# A Chat with the

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# CHAPLAIN

**I**N the June issue of the *Millennial Star*, there appeared an obscure item in the London District News section as follows: "Gordon Greninger of Carthage, Missouri, U.S.A., was baptised by Leon G. Bates and confirmed by President Selvoy J. Boyer at the South London Chapel on Thursday, 15th May."

Private First Class Gordon Greninger and Corporal Leon Bates are both members of the United States Armed Forces serving in Germany. Corporal Bates is from Arizona and has been raised in the Church. Private Greninger, however, was reared in the Methodist faith.

The boys became fast friends through their Army associations. Finally, through the influence of Leon Bates, and the Saints and missionaries of the London District, Gordon Greninger recognised the Restored Church and expressed his desire for baptism while on furlough in London.

Shortly after, he returned to his duties of Chaplain Assistant in Germany. The very thought of telling his Chaplain of his decision made him somewhat queasy. The following is Gordon Greninger's own account of the incident:

"I had never even faintly imagined the reaction that I witnessed from Chaplain Carlson when I told him I had been baptised and confirmed into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"Gordon and I had joked quite a bit about the Chaplain's attitude toward the Church when reading together from some Mormon writers a month before. Then after my uniting with the Latter-day Church we actually looked forward to seeing the expression on his face and hearing what he would have to say. But our highest expecta-

tion never began to approach the flowing forth of words of condemnation which was turned loose upon my head from one who is not acquainted with the doctrines of the Church.

"Having wondered just how the subject would come to light in conversation and discussion, my curiosity was satisfied by an inquiry from the Chaplain concerning a request for a vehicle for transportation made by three other brethren to attend Mormon services in Frankfurt, a city of approximately sixty miles distance. My name had been included upon the request, which fact instigated the inquiry on his part. He stated he didn't understand why my name had been submitted. I soon cleared to him the reason by telling him that I had joined the Church quite recently. He was looking down at his desk and the force of my words seemed to paralyse him for an instant and the expression upon his face was one of blankness. But that was the quiet before the storm!

"Why hadn't I talked over this decision with him before making such a drastic move? Had I written to my mother and to my home church? Did I realise what I had done? He was very disappointed in my ability to make decisions. And these accusations were levelled against me: by not turning to him for 'spiritual' advice I had deeply insulted him and caused a great hurt to come upon him. He asked how he could have the right to warrant the confidence of the ordinary soldier on the street if his own assistant didn't have enough respect to discuss such an important matter with him. . . .

"That is only the beginning! He boiled his conclusions hurriedly to this: either I never had any confidence in him or my whole religious beliefs and emotions were completely unstable.

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# WE ARE GOING SOMEWHERE

By Alma Sonne

**M**AN enters mortal life as a stranger. The memory of his former existence is gone. He is left to grow and develop by relying on his observations, his intuitions and the examples and testimonies of others.

His search for truth and guidance will be rewarded, for he is a child of God, who is a "rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11: 6) His life is full of purpose. It offers an opportunity for advancement as he journeys through life. At no time can he afford to relax in following the course which has been clearly outlined for his progress and benefit. It is the road to success and happiness.

Man is not bound for oblivion in death. He is going somewhere. He is on his way to a high destiny if he chooses to accept a positive faith and a firm belief in well established standards. Christ's gospel, restored in its fullness through Joseph Smith, the Prophet, is a perfect plan of life. Its purpose is to direct man in his quest for the goal ahead. Obedience to its precepts is the keystone in this accomplishment.

Man is here to work out his place in the eternal scheme of things. He is not a victim of circumstances nor a creature of the moment. He lived before he came here. He is part of the universal plan and will go forward according to the sincerity and earnestness of his strivings.

Man's sojourn in mortality is but a preface to a greater life. His place there is determined by his fidelity and perseverance on earth. "We will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord, their God, shall command them; and they who keep their first estate shall be added upon; . . . and they who keep their second estate shall have glory upon their heads for ever and ever." (Abraham 4: 25-26) The laws of progress obtain in the spiritual as well as in the physical world. Progression is



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an eternal principle—it reaches into the realms of the past and extends into the future. Man is expected to move on towards perfection. "Be ye, therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5: 48) In so doing his aims remain high and his compensations great, for he is on the pathway to eternal happiness.

But the true way of life cannot always be found by a mere intellectual investigation. There is something deeply pathetic in the bewilderment and uncertainty which surround the multitude of doubters. They have lost their strongest incentive to look upward and forward. Their future is barren of hope. They grope in the darkness. Guided by a well-founded faith, an unfaltering trust and inspired promptings, man penetrates the unseen and the unknown. He walks in the light. He is sustained by "hidden treasures" of knowledge. "I go to prepare a place for you," (John 14: 2) said Jesus—a place, not only of peace and rest, but of endless achievement.

# FAITH and the WORLD of TODAY

By Elmer G. Peterson

**A**NYONE who has studied the tragic unfolding of events during the past three or four decades must be sobered by the realization that our civilization has finally come to its day of reckoning. These events have culminated, after two terrible world wars, in the clash between the East and the West which as these lines are being written approaches dangerously close to open warfare. All right-thinking people will hope and pray that the horror of a third world war may somehow be avoided, but the political and ethical differences between these civilisations appear so great that an appeasement without surrendering our ideals appears very difficult if not impossible. Every effort should be made and apparently is being made by Great Britain and the United States and other democratic countries to bridge this gap between Russia and the West; and these efforts will be continued by our leaders to the very end undoubtedly. There is still hope that our statesmen will be equal to this stupendous task.

During the War, Russia's heroic defence of her homeland aroused the admiration of the world; and Russia's loss in men and in ruined fields and cities aroused the world's deepest sympathy. The Russian people will be remembered in terms of the great virtues they displayed during the terrible years of the German invasion.

It is one of the most lamentable facts of history that the Communist leaders, apparently with complete indifference to enlightened world opinion, have refused to co-operate with America, Britain and her other allies to establish peace. Russia indeed seems to be encouraging strife between nations and disorder within nations on the theory apparently that Communism thrives best under such conditions. This unwillingness of Russia to co-operate with

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the other leading powers may be recorded in our histories as one of the major tragedies of all time. Will there ever be such an opportunity again presented to a nation to accomplish so much for the world's progress and well being? It cannot be believed that the Russian people, if they had a voice in their country's decisions, would condone such a monstrous offence.

As events approach maturity, thoughtful people will try to determine the cause of the world's trouble. In attempting to cure a disease of the body, the first necessity is to locate the cause, and then seek to remove or neutralise the cause. Thus, a cure is effected.

It has been thought by many that the causes of world conflict were maladjustments or inequities of a political, economic, educational or social nature, or a combination of these. To be sure, these factors contribute to world unrest, and it likely will be a never-ending task of humanity to seek to solve difficulties which arise from these and related causes, but these difficulties themselves are due to another cause, and a deep-seated one, in the human mind and spirit.

**If we cannot isolate the causative factors of world disease (the symp-**

tom of which is war), and re-establish political health among the nations, we must look forward to the most terrible devastation the world has ever witnessed, because the next war, if it comes, will be so destructive through the use of atomic and biological weapons, that civilisation, as we know it, may cease to exist; high sources of authority even raise the question as to whether man himself will continue to exist.

The conditions here mentioned would produce deep pessimism, if it were not for the faith which helps us to interpret these days in terms of the progress of mankind up to that higher civilisation of the spirit which in due time awaits us. If the world would accept without complaint the present world situation so charged with iniquity, then there would be ground for pessimism and despair. A world comity based upon evil, would be a world ruled by Satan himself. The peace we seek is a peace based on righteousness.

The cause of the world's disease is its loss of faith, a positive and uncompromising faith in God. This faith as an activating and controlling force in the lives of men and in the affairs of nations must be restored if the world is to be made well, and it must be a faith based upon a knowledge of the nature of God. The world needs today a vision and an awakening such as that experienced by Paul on that great day in history, when on the road to Damascus he was stricken to the earth and a voice spoke to him. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has solemnly announced to the world that there has been enacted in our time a vision and an awakening which will transform our world as Paul's world was transformed by the light and understanding which came to him nineteen hundred years ago. This vision and the voice of the resurrected Saviour changed Saul from the persecutor of the saints to Paul the Apostle, the great organiser of Christian thought and doctrine. Saul had consented and contributed to the martyr-



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dom of Stephen; he had sought by every means at his disposal to destroy the little band of the faithful, who were planting the seeds of Christian faith in the hard and stony soil of a diseased and faithless world.

The centuries that have elapsed since have enabled us to understand something of the majesty of the doctrine which Christ taught and gave His life to sanctify. These teachings have brought to man, among other great blessings, the blessing of freedom in the area of their influence, a sense of the dignity of man and a knowledge that the brotherhood of man is not only an ideal—it is a fact. This doctrine has been the basic cause of man's amazing progress, in the nations comprising what we call Christendom, in the control of disease, in the extension of educational opportunities to all the people; in the conquering of space and time through means of transportation and communication; and, through the use of machinery in multiplying many fold man's labour in the production of food and clothing and other goods and services for his blessing. These doctrines have been the very foundation which has enabled man to establish almost God-like control of natural forces. If the cause of this progress is doubted, we have only to observe the

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# "AND THE SPIRIT GIVETH LIGHT"

**N**IGH on a quarter-century ago, the writer first heard, propounded by a young American missionary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the questions, "Whence came we?" "Why are we here?" and "Where are we going?"

Many times since then the questions have been resolved without losing any of their intriguing or challenging qualities—intriguing, because the suggestion of a pre-existent state could no longer be deferred; challenging, because of the vision of a Plan and Purpose for existence revealed.

"Without vision the people perish," said Solomon.

Perhaps, today, a rebirth of ideals, a higher conception of man's divine destiny is called for—in short, a new vision.

Nations seem to be in a turmoil of mind and spirit. Possibly it is the result of the aftermath of two major conflicts in a generation which have left their imprint in a relaxing of moral standards, an increase in crime, and an uncertainty of the future.

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone." He was referring to the necessity for man to live in close harmony and contact with the Eternal Father through the medium of the spirit—that spirit which God clothed in a body of flesh and bone—sent to earth that it might fulfil the "measure of its creation" by overcoming the things of the flesh, and, having overcome, to stand again in the presence of the Father and be "added upon."

Alas! Man, too often, has forgotten the divine spark within him; too rarely realised that the Eternal Father is still offering His help and loving care to those who would call upon Him. The Apostle Paul made this point to his contemporaries when he wrote, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is

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in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8: 38-9.)

The approach, however, must rest with the individual.

"Know this that every soul is free  
To choose his life and what he'll be;  
For this eternal truth is given,  
That God will force no man to  
heaven." William C. Gregg.

If man can learn to control some of the most deadly enemies of life—hate, anger, worry, fear—there may be no limit to his future possibilities. Love, friendship, contentment and peace must surely be the rule rather than the exception, and he will find, at least in part, an answer to the question, "Why are we here?" and a hope as to "Where are we going?"

"To every man there openeth  
A Way and Ways, and a Way,  
And the High souls climb the  
High Ways  
And the Low souls grope the Low;  
And in between, on the musty flats  
The rest drift to and fro,  
But to every man there openeth  
The way his soul should go."

John Oxenham.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints affirms that the Everlasting Gospel has been restored again after a long night of apostacy, through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith; that the way has been opened again by a loving God whereby man may commune with Him and act, with divine authority, in His Name, that this privilege is not confined to a few, but that men of good intent and honesty of purpose may find "the true way to the full and free expression of human powers, to the help that the Spirit of God can give."

"And the Spirit giveth light to every man that cometh into the world; and the Spirit enlighteneth every man through the world that hearkeneth to the Voice of the Spirit (D. and C. 84: 46)

# MESSAGE from the MISSION PRESIDENCY



**I**S any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick . . ." (James 5: 14, 15)

"And the elders of the church, two or more, shall be called, and shall pray for and lay their hands upon them in my name; and if they die they shall die unto me, and if they live they shall live unto me." (D. and C. 42: 43.)

Administration to the sick should be made at the request of the sufferer or someone vitally concerned, so that it may be done in answer to faith. There is no commandment that the sick should take the consecrated oil internally or apply it to any part of the body externally. Neither has there been instruction that the brethren should carry consecrated oil on their person wherever they go.

The words of the Prophet Joseph Smith are plain: "What is the sign of the healing of the sick? The laying on of hands is the sign or way marked out by James, and the custom of the ancient Saints as ordered by the Lord, and we cannot obtain the blessing by pursuing any other course except the way marked out by the Lord. What if

we should attempt to get the gift of the Holy Ghost through any other means except the signs or way which God hath appointed—would we obtain it? Certainly not; all other means would fail. The Lord says do so and so, and I will bless you." (History of the Church, Vol. 4, p. 555)

Those officiating should exercise the strongest possible faith for the recovery of the person to whom the administration is directed, and place themselves under the influence of the Spirit of the Lord.

President Brigham Young said, "When I lay my hands on the sick, I expect the healing power and influence of God to pass through me to the patient, and the disease to give way."

The healing of the sick is indeed one of the great spiritual blessings that follow those who have faith in the holy Priesthood.

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# The Precious Freight of the Covered Wagons

EDITOR'S NOTE: Nephi Jensen is a former Canadian Mission President and is, at present, serving as an instructor in the Mission Home in Salt Lake City. His past messages appearing in the "Millennial Star" have been greatly appreciated by the Saints of Britain.

By Nephi Jensen

On the twenty-fourth day of July, 1847, a company of homeless-seekers after a new home, travelworn and weary, reached the portals of Emigration Canyon. From that place, their leader, Brigham Young, caught a full view of the sage-covered Great Salt Lake Valley, with the shimmering salton sea to the west. He had seen the valley theretofore in vision. And in prophetic ecstasy, he exclaimed:

"This is the place!"

This indeed is the place! To this place were brought by the Mormon Pioneers the most precious things that have ever been brought to any place in our world at any time.

We get a most inspiring idea of the precious things that were brought here by transporting ourselves back to the great western plains and back in time to the summer of 1847. It is eventide. The sun is slowly sinking behind the western horizon. We come near a great circle of covered wagons. They have been drawn up in this circle to form an improvised fortress, to protect the travellers from the sudden attack of savages. As we come near this improvised fortress, we detect the note of praise arising from within. As we listen closely, we catch the words of a heart-stirring song.

"And should we die before our journey's through,  
Happy day, all is well,  
We then are free from toil and sorrow too

With the just we shall dwell,  
But if our lives are spared again  
To see the Saints their rest obtain  
O' how we'll make this chorus  
swell  
All is well, all is well."

These are homely words. And yet, they give expression to the most vital fact of our modern world. That fact is the revitalised and intensified faith of the Mormon Pioneers in the Almightyness of God, the immutability of His laws, the invariability of His promises, the certainty of His rewards and the reality of His "eternal years." This faith was the strength of their strength and the life of their life. It was the most precious thing brought to Utah in the covered wagons.

It was this sublime faith that enabled the Mormon Pioneers to face unflinchingly the sneers of the ribald cynics, endure the untold brutality of hate-crazed mobs; and be ruthlessly dispossessed of homes and hearthstone rather than be untrue to what they knew was eternally true. It was the same undying faith that nerved them with courage to risk the dangers incident to a trek across the almost trackless American plains; and suffer the untold privations and hardships entailed in subduing a barren wilderness, a thousand miles away from the frontiers of civilisation.

The very existence of this revitalised faith in the hearts of these empire builders was the fulfilment of a divine decree. The Lord, Himself, in explanation of His purpose in revealing Himself to the Prophet Joseph Smith, declared that He had "given commandments" to this modern prophet, "that faith might increase in the earth."

Basically, the greatest religious fact of our modern world was this restoration of vital, verile Christian faith—the faith that Jesus taught and so marvellously exemplified in His ministry. The restoration of this faith marked the beginning of a modern spiritual renaissance. Out of it has come a religion of deepest moral convictions, soul transforming spiritual power, robust righteousness and self-sacrificing goodness, which is the envy of those who fail to discover the secret of its soul ennobling power. By the refining, purifying and sanctifying power of this religion, there has been developed here in Utah a noble five dimensional culture—a culture built upon the physical, the intellectual, the ethical, esthetical and the spiritual which is the marvel of our age.

The keynote of this great modern restoration is the simple but most thrilling declaration that God has actually spoken to man in our time; and that prophets of old, who once lived on our earth in mortal flesh and blood, have in our very time, appeared to holy men in purified immortalised and glorified bodies of flesh and bone and told us of the actuality of the life beyond the portals of the grave.

The inspiring messages and testimonies of the ancient prophets, contained in the Book of Mormon and other modern revelations, furnish the only modern soul-satisfying answer to the age old question, "If a man die shall he live again?"

Robert G. Ingersol, the agnostic, put into poetical phrase his utter scepticism, in his oration delivered at his brother's funeral, when he cried, "Life

is a narrow vale between the barren peaks of two eternities. We try in vain to ascend the heights. We cry aloud and the only answer is the wail of our echoing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead, there comes no answer."

This is the most doleful of all modern lamentations. Who has the answer to Ingersol's "wailing cry"? It is not heard in either the Catholic or the Protestant pulpit. All that either the Catholic Priest or the Protestant pastor can say to the agnostic of our day, are these unsatisfying words: Some two thousand years ago those who "cried aloud" did receive an answer; but since that time, the "lips of the dead" have been voiceless." Only from the pulpits of those who have inherited their faith from the Mormon Pioneers, do we hear a soul satisfying answer to the sceptic's final challenge, "no one has come back from the realm of the dead to tell us about it."

In every land and clime where the faith stimulating message of the great modern restoration is heard, the evangels of this message proclaim with soul-stirring certainty the truth that in our own time there has come an answer from the "lips of the dead."

This year there has been dedicated to the memory of the Mormon Pioneers, a splendid monument at the mouth of Emigration Canyon. But no matter how much of wealth has been lavished upon that monument; no matter how much of art has been made to adorn it, there will still be another monument in the state that will be ever dear to the

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# NEW BRANCHES OPENED IN BRISTOL DISTRICT

(This is the tenth in a series of articles concerning the various districts of the British Mission. Sister Eva Ward Heal writes the following report concerning the Bristol District.)



**T**HE Bristol District is going forward and making wonderful progress. Since the first of the year it has been under the leadership of District President Thomas H. Heal of Provo, Utah. Through the summer months outings have been sponsored by the various organisations, thus keeping the Saints together and also providing recreation. Two branches in the District have been organised recently; Stroud Branch with Branch President Arthur R. Fletcher, Elder Thomas C. Madill and Sister Hilda Madill, carrying on the work there, and Cheltenham Branch with Elders Lloyd L. Cullimore and Ray Lawrence doing a fine job in that field. Both branches have nice halls where the meetings are held.

In spite of the cold winter months, Bristol Branch Relief Society sisters were most faithful in attending their meetings regularly. Visiting teachers have made most of the visits assigned to them and have kept in touch with the Saints throughout the District. Some bottling of fruit has been done for the Welfare under the supervision of Margaret Perry.

The Bristol Sunday School is a very successful organisation. Its membership has increased in the past few months. More children are attending and have displayed a great deal of interest. Also, the adult class is larger in number than ever before.

The Primary Association is indeed a credit to the Branch, through the un-

tiring efforts of the officers and teachers in charge. For the benefit of those living too far away from the hall to attend, Ethel Jenkins has held Primary in her home in order to give those children a chance to attend this organisation.

The release of Elder Hugh A. McLean as Bristol Branch President automatically released all the officers of the Branch. In the re-organisation, Dennis Collins was sustained as the new Branch President, with Patricia Carey as Branch Clerk. The Relief Society is under the leadership of Lucy Battle, Dorothy Burroughs and Margaret Perry. The Y.M.M.I.A. is headed by Sam Dyson and Y.W.M.I.A. is led by Beryl Herman. The Primary is fortunate in having Iris Stanbury as Primary Mother and Mary Collins and Patricia Carey as her assistants.

The Boy Scouts are also organised in the Bristol District. The boys show an interest in the activities and benefits of such an organisation.

A Branch Teaching programme is now in operation in the Bristol Branch under the direction of Albert Perry, who also serves as First Counsellor to President Dennis Collins in the Branch Presidency.

The Branch greatly appreciates the faithfulness of Elsie Vale as the Branch organist.

Cottage Meetings are enjoyed by the Saints and the missionaries. Through this medium, a closer contact can be established with friends of the Gospel and it affords an excellent opportunity to deliver our message.

Thus Bristol District is going forward in the work of the Lord and the Saints are ever conscious of the Lord's blessings unto them.



# Scouting for Boys



**T**HE whole purpose of Scouting is to teach young boys to think for themselves and to be of service to their fellow men; to be of good cheer and to do good wherever they may be. Then, too, the boys are afforded instruction in astronomy, compass reading, and natural history. They learn the names of the various trees, birds and flowers. They acquire an appreciation for the beauties of nature in their camping and hiking activities. They learn how to lay trails so that a patrol of Scouts can follow through the woods or forest.

When the Scouts are encamped, they learn the art of pitching a tent, lighting a fire, cooking a meal and laying out a kitchen. They are taught the use of the Scout knife; the making of racks for plates, knives, and forks; and the fixing of a line for airing blankets and towels. They are given instruction in the employment of various devices to add comfort to their camp life with all its natural surroundings that have been produced by the handiwork of God.

In the evenings, campfires are lit. Scouts and leaders gather about and participate in the singing of Scout songs, Scout yells, and perhaps an individual display of talent. The ring of their song and laughter echoes through the woods at eventide.

Scouts are instructed also in tree-felling and axemanship. They learn expedient methods of estimating heights and distances. They are trained in first-aid and ambulance work. Swimming and life-saving are two important activities given special emphasis in the Scouting programme.

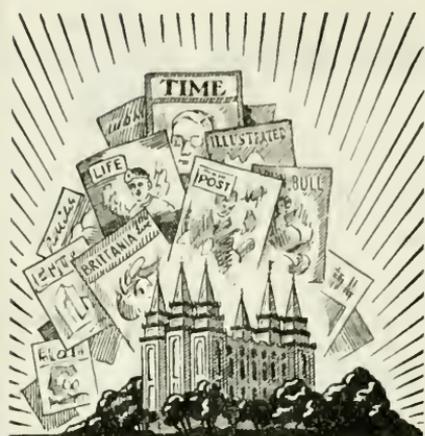
A Scout is taught to be a brother to every other Scout the world over. This point alone deserves much merit and praise in this world of trouble and confusion. A Scout is always willing to help, willing to serve, and willing to share.

Surely such a programme deserves the full support of every parent and civic leader. May we all as parents and leaders see that our sons join one of our own M.I.A. Scout Troops. Branch presidents and M.I.A. officers are encouraged to organise a Troop in every branch. Scout training is invaluable to every youth, for the youths of to-day will be the leaders of tomorrow.

BERTRAM H. STOKES,  
British Mission Scoutmaster.

# THE CHURCH AND THE PRESS

## IN BRITAIN



**T**HE following are excerpts from recent publications in Great Britain pertinent to the Church:

### The Clydebank Press (Glasgow)

**"BEST RUN STATE IN AMERICA**  
—Four weeks ago the film 'Brigham Young' was shown to capacity housed audiences at the Lyceum, and all acclaimed it as a first class educational and interesting film. It was one hundred years ago yesterday, that Brigham Young, the leader of that weary wagon train raised himself on his elbow in the wagon in which he was lying ill, almost through the trail that led over the Rocky Mountains, he lifted the flap of his wagon and on looking out saw before him a vast glaring plain like a mirror. To his group of faithful followers he said, 'This is the place.' On Thursday the State of Utah celebrated the arrival of the first Mormons on its own 100th birthday. The historic words of 'This is the place,' appears on a huge centennial monolith in Emigration Canyon, at the spot where the Mormons first set eyes on the valley. They also appear on bunting in the streets of every Utah town, and they are embossed on the licence plate of every motor car.

"Utah has reason for pride. It is admitted by all Americans to be one of the best run states of America.

"Members of the congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are touring Scotland and are at present in Glasgow, where they are delivering film shows and lectures to capacity filled halls. On Monday in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Peel Street, and on Tuesday in the Christian Institute, at 7 p.m., films in technicolour depicting scenes in the clean and modern Salt Lake City, in which the most imposing building is the massive Mormon temple and high above it on the highest pinnacle is the statue of an angel called Moroni. The film also shows how by no other means than hard work, the members of the Church of Latter-day Saints have wrested a fruitful empire out of a wilderness. Views and scenes of all the principal cities, and industries, including the largest copper mine in the world, the most modern steel plant in America, agricultural scenes and scenes of the Salt Lake, where it is impossible for any person to sink, are also shown.

"Lecturing during the film is Mr. L. Merkley, former student of the University of Utah."

### Kidderminster Shuttle

**"PRETTIEST GIRLS — UTAH LEADS U.S.A.**—When young Mormon missionaries presented a 'talkie' film on their native Utah at Tuesday's meeting of the Kidderminster Rotary Club, the club's most-travelled member, Rotn. G. S. Tomkinson, remarked that when he visited the state, he thought Utah girls were the prettiest in America! On a more serious note, he added that Salt Lake City was one of the cleanest and most wonderful cities he had ever seen, and its layout was a tribute to the vision of Brigham Young and his little band of Pioneers.

The missionaries were Mr. Guy L. Merkley, Mr. L. L. Empey, and Mr. M. J. Tolley, and after the film depicting the scenic beauties and the farm-

ing, mining, and industrial activities of Utah, Mr. Merkley added some interesting facts. He said that the state, with an area as big as Great Britain, had a population of 550,000 people, and was exactly 100 years old. It had every kind of climate from the sub-arctic to the sub-tropical, and ranged from torrid desert to treeless hills.

"The people were mostly miners and farmers—though only three percent of the land was tilled—and they were the healthiest civilized people in the world. That he attributed to the teachings of Mormon theology and their strict health code, which abjured abstention from drugs and stimulants—not only alcohol, and tobacco, but even tea and coffee. Seventy-four percent of the people were Mormons, and it was their firm belief that Christianity still held the key to the world's problems. Missioners, like himself, of whom 3,500 were scattered all over the world, left home at their own or their parents' expense to bring knowledge of the Mormon belief and way of life to other countries, and to gain knowledge of the rest of the world.

"Proposing thanks, Rotn. S. J. Hooper said that when the name Mormon was mentioned, most people thought of a practice which (interposed Mr. Merkley) was non-existent today. Rotn. Hooper added that one must admire the progressive power and faith that had fostered so much progress in state and city during Utah's marvellous century of progress. "If Utah could do that in 100 years, starting from scratch, there is a hope that within the lifetime of our children we may get a few houses in Britain and something done towards the many plans we have thought of for our better country that is to be," added the speaker."

#### Manchester Evening News

"THEY CAME TO A DESERT.—All this summer and into the autumn the State of Utah in the U.S. is celebrating the centenary of the first glimpse by Brigham Young and the Pioneers of the Church of Latter-day Saints of the barren waste where they were to build Salt Lake City. . . .

"And this is a year of remembrance because it is the centenary of the arrival of Brigham Young, ill with mountain fever, at a high spot overlooking what is now Salt Lake City. What he and his followers saw was a barren waste and a shimmering lake. What is there today is a beautiful modern city with roughly 250,000 inhabitants in its metropolitan area.

"Maybe Brigham Young saw something like that too, for he said, 'It is enough. This is the right place.' He was determined to settle where he and his people would be unmolested—unmolested because nobody else would want it. He was equally determined to keep away from the mad rush for gold in California.

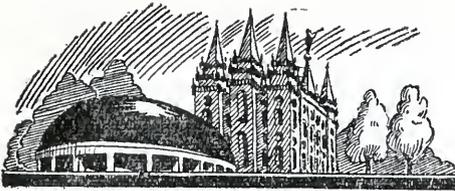
"Brigham Young was a religious leader, after Joseph Smith, the actual founder of the Church of Latter-day Saints, and he wanted a place where the new religion could be practised in freedom.

"It had been a severe test of stamina by the time that Young found the ideal spot to make the desert blossom as the rose. 'This is the place!' he exclaimed; and to commemorate that historic decision a 300,000-dollar monument has been erected in Salt Lake City. It marks the arrival of Brigham Young at this spot on July 24th, 1847.

"The whole State of Utah is celebrating the centenary throughout this year. One feature is the centenary exhibition at the State Fair Grounds in Salt Lake City, which depicts the industry and culture of the entire West, to which Utah proved a gateway. There will be rodeos in several cities, sports, and a 500-mile auto race at Bonneville Salt Flats in September.

"From the beginning of Utah's history the people have danced. It was a fundamental philosophy of the early Pioneer leaders that recreation is essential to the complete life. The Mormons have many of the solid virtues, but they do not despise the arts,

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## EDUCATION AND THE CHURCH

**I**T was in October, 1847—just one hundred years ago—that the first school in the State of Utah was opened. The “school house” was an obsolete military tent pitched inside the “Old Fort” in the Salt Lake Valley, at the spot where Pioneer Park is now located. The “schoolmistress” was a bright-eyed, seventeen-year-old girl named Mary Jane Dilworth. Although young in years, she was well-educated. The love and patience she showed in teaching the children, in spite of the many hardships and privations of those early months in Great Salt Lake, contributed greatly to the success of the school.

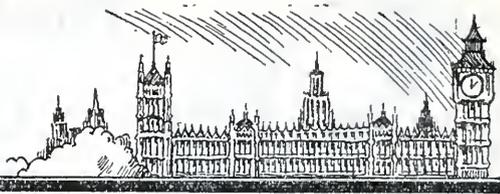
The classroom equipment in this first school was rudimentary indeed. Miss Dilworth’s desk consisted of an old campstool placed in the centre of the tent. The students’ seats were rough logs, placed in a circle about the campstool. Writing materials consisted of slates and pencils, pens and paper, and in some cases, charcoal and pieces of bark with smooth surfaces.

The Holy Bible was the standard text book in the school. It was from this that the children were taught to read. Spelling, music, and art were usually the favourite subjects. Art classes consisted mainly of modelling cats, dogs, and Indians from coloured clay which could be found near by. Thus, education had its beginnings in Utah.

The Saints had dwelled in the Valley just eighteen months when the Legislative Assembly approved an ordinance providing for the establishment of a university in Salt Lake City. The University of Deseret, as it was called (its name was changed to the University of Utah in 1892), is claimed to be the first university or college established west of the Mississippi River. Such learned men as Orson Spencer, Orson Hyde, and John Bernhisel served as teachers in the University of Deseret.

Throughout the history of the Church, the various leaders have stressed the need for education. Joseph Smith has given to the world several maxims proclaiming its importance: “The glory of God is intelligence”; “You cannot be saved in ignorance”; “A man can be saved no faster than he gains knowledge.”

Brigham Young, in his discourses, has said, “I would advise you to read books that are worth reading; read reliable history, and search wisdom out of the best books you can procure . . . The religion embraced by the Latter-day Saints, if only slightly understood,



prompts them to search diligently after knowledge. There is no other people in existence more eager to see, hear, learn, and understand truth." He urged parents not only to assist their children in learning to read, but also to instil within them a love for reading.

Latter-day revelation instructs the Saints to seek knowledge. "Study and learn and become acquainted with all good books, and with languages, tongues and people." (D. and C. 90: 15) "Seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith." (D. and C. 88: 118)

Thus, Latter-day Saints the world over are an educationally conscious people. They are seekers of all truths. They are eager to gain knowledge in every field of learning. Most Latter-day Saint families have libraries in their homes replete with books, rich in secular as well as religious truths.

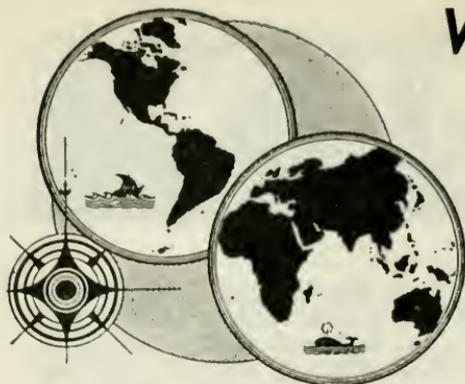
The State of Utah, seventy-four percent of whose population is comprised of Latter-day Saints, holds an enviable position in America in educational standards. Recent educational statistics compiled by outstanding educators in no way connected with the Church, show that Utah holds first place among the forty-eight states in "accomplishment in education," in "efficiency of educational effort," and in the "educational level of the adult population." Another educator endeavoured to determine the position of the states of America in their contribution in the number of distinguished men in achievement and in science in proportion to the population. Utah led by a high margin in both categories. The American selective service reports from the last war indicates that Utah was the leading state of the Union in educational status.

Among the various wards and branches of the Church today are many outstanding doctors, scientists, college professors, economists, bankers, engineers, and agriculturists. The Church has always encouraged education and wherever necessary has established its own schools.

Latter-day Saints look in retrospect at the first school in Utah with the Bible as the only text, and are indeed grateful for the large quantities of Church and secular literature which are available to them today. Church members are aware of the importance of the afore-quoted maxim, "The glory of God is intelligence," and realising that their main object in life is to become increasingly like God, are striving ever to acquire additional wisdom and knowledge.—WILLIAM R. CALLISTER

# World

## Church News



### TABERNACLE CHOIR: CHURCH LEADERS TO ATTEND CELEBRATION.

— On October 8th, the Tabernacle Choir, President George Albert Smith, and other Church leaders, will leave Salt Lake City to attend the San Bernardino Covered Wagon Days Celebration held in commemoration of the Centennial of the arrival of the Mormon Battalion in the area now known as San Bernardino. President Smith and the accompanying General Authorities will be in charge of Sunday services to be held in the huge amphitheatre at San Bernardino. The Choir will present their Sunday morning nation-wide broadcast from San Bernardino.

### PRESIDENT HUGH B. BROWN DELIVERS RADIO ADDRESSES.

— Elder Hugh B. Brown, former British Mission President, commenced a series of thirteen Sunday broadcasts over Station KSL in Salt Lake City, on September 7th. The subject of the radio addresses is that of "Rational Faith."

### TEMPLE SQUARE MISSION SETS RECORD.

— During the month of August, 221,418 persons visited Temple Square in Salt Lake City. This total exceeds the record-breaking July total by 38,729. From January 1st to August 31st, 643,261 visitors have been recorded. Temple guides conduct tours

every half hour during the summer months and one each hour during the winter months. Visitors are conducted through the Tabernacle, Assembly Hall, the Bureau of Information, and other points about the grounds. Questions are answered during the tour concerning the organization of the Church and its teachings.

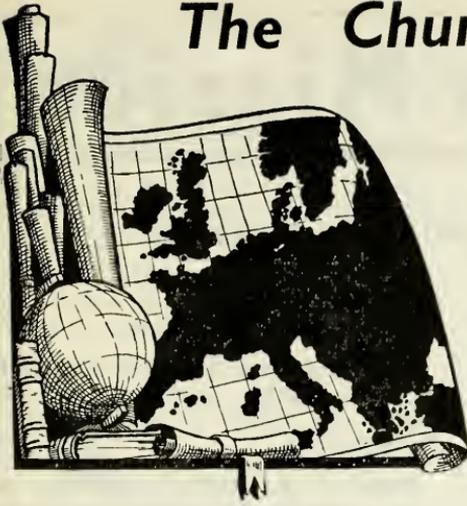
### "CHURCH NEWS" INCLUDES PICTURE OF MISSION PRESIDENCY AND MISSION GENEALOGICAL BOARD.

—The "Church News" of September 13th and September 20th carried pictures and brief write-ups pertaining to the British Mission. The September 13th issue displayed pictures of the Mission Presidency: Presidents Selvoy J. Boyer, Wallace R. Reid and George F. Poole. The September 20th issue contained a picture of the British Genealogical Board, together with Archibald F. Bennett (secretary of the Church Genealogical Society) and President Boyer.

### PALESTINE - SYRIAN MISSION HEAD NAMED.

— Elder Badwagan Piranian of Zurich, Switzerland, has been appointed by the First Presidency to return to the Palestine-Syrian Mission as mission president after the October General Conference in Salt Lake City. There are two active branches in the Mission, Beirut Lebanon, where the mission headquarters will be re-established, and Aleppo, Syria. Elder Piranian, who will be accompanied by his wife, served as president from 1933 to 1937. He was born in Turkey of Armenian descent, and is a Swiss citizen. Missionary activity is expected to be resumed in the Palestine-Syrian Mission soon.

# The Church in Europe



## SWISS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

—The thirty-one missionaries of the Swiss-Austrian Mission assembled at Beckenreid on beautiful Lake Luzerne August 21st to 23rd for an inspiring conference conducted by President Scott Taggart. Presiding was President Alma Sonne of the European Mission. Also present were Sister Leona B. Sonne, President Walter Stover of the East German Mission, President and Sister Jean Wunderlich of the West German Mission, and President and Sister James L. Barker of the French Mission. A bus trip in the Alps followed the conference. President and Sister Sonne were featured speakers in Basel and Zurich August 24th.

**NEW DISTRICT IN SWEDISH MISSION ORGANISED.** — Recommended by the presidency of the Swedish Mission and approved by President Alma Sonne, a new district to be known as the Jonkoping District has been organized in the Swedish Mission. The new district includes parts of the Norrkoping, Goteborg, and Malmo districts. President Eben R. T. Blomquist of the Swedish Mission feels that a new era of missionary work is opening in that country for the missionaries are being cordially received in circles formally closed to them.

## ACTIVITY IN GERMAN MISSIONS.

—Deserving further mention is the conference held in Dresden, Germany, July 26th to 28th, by members of the East German Mission. President Walter Stover, whose permit did not arrive in time for him to enter the military zone where the conference was held, reports that over 5,000 people attended the sessions. Fast offerings collected at a special mission-wide fast day in June, donations by more fortunate German Saints, and money received at branch musicals held throughout the Mission, were all used to help finance the huge gatherings. Numerous Russian soldiers and military government authorities, and representatives of German and Russian news agencies attended. Reunions among the Saints were especially sweet for many found friends or relatives presumed to be dead or in other countries.

President Stover and Jean Wunderlich of the West German Mission are now holding district conferences.

## FRENCH MISSION PRESIDENT PUBLISHES BOOK.

—“Protestors of Christendom,” by President James L. Barker of the French Mission, has recently been published in America. President Barker was formerly head of the department of modern languages at the University of Utah. A linguist and scholar of note, he has written many articles on religious history and is an authority on phonetics. He presided over the Argentine Mission before the war. He speaks French, German, and Spanish fluently, and “could get along in Italy after a couple of weeks.” His book traces the development of the Christian Church from the death of the apostles until about the end of the reformation, with special emphasis on the “protestors” who pointed out where in the Church had changed the original doctrines and practices. It is a real contribution to the literature of the Church.

# British Mission



## ARRIVALS AND ASSIGNMENTS

The following missionaries arrived in the British Isles aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" on September 23rd.

Elder **WILLIAM T. DAVIS** of Brigham City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Nottingham District.

Elder **JOSEPH W. GRANT** of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour

in the Nottingham District.

Elder **CLIFTON RONALD McBRIDE** of Los Angeles, California, was assigned to labour in the Liverpool District.

Elder **L. VAUGHN MERRELL** of Mesa, Arizona, was assigned to labour in the Irish District.



## APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Sister **LEAH LLOYD** was transferred from the Nottingham District to the Norwich District on September 3rd.

Elder **BLAIR MAXFIELD** was transferred on September 11th from the Hull District to the Liverpool District.

Elder **WESLEY WILLIAMS** was transferred from the Bristol District to the Norwich District on September 11th.

Elder **ALBERT ECCLES** was transferred from the Hull District to the Bristol District on September 11th.

Elder **A. WILFORD FELLOWS** was transferred on September 11th from the Liverpool District to the Hull District.

Sister **NANCY TENNEY** was transferred from the Birmingham District to the Welsh District on September 12th.

Sister **MARION ALLEN** was trans-

ferred on September 12th from the Liverpool District to the Welsh District.

Elder **GUY L. MERKLEY** was released as Travelling Lecturer and transferred to the Newcastle District on September 18th.

Elder **WESTON N. CHRISTENSEN** was released as District President of the Irish District and transferred to the Liverpool District on September 24th.

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Elder **ARTHUR V. NETTLESHIP** was appointed District President of the Hull District on September 10th.

Elder **DON C. WOOD** was appointed Travelling Lecturer on September 10th. Elder Wood previously served as President of the Hull District.

Elder **CARL H. WHATCOTT** was appointed District President of the Irish District on September 14th. Elder Whatcott had previously laboured in the Newcastle District.



## RELEASES

Sister **CLORA CHIDESTER** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on September 11th. She has laboured in the London offices and in the Norwich District.

Elder **ROBERT CHARLES COMBES** and Sister **CLACE H. COMBES** were released as missionaries to the British

Mission on September 26th. They have laboured in the Liverpool and London Districts.

Elder **WADE H. JOYCE** and Sister **MAY PIERSON JOYCE** were released as missionaries to the British Mission on September 19th. They have laboured in the Irish District.



## DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

### BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by E. John S. Jones

The Birmingham Branch M.I.A. held an M Men-Gleaner banquet on September 6th, under the direction of Gleaner Leader Gwendoline Maguire. About forty people enjoyed the fine display of delicacies and the dance afterwards, under the direction of M.C. Harry Dyson.

Baptismal services were held at the Birmingham Branch Chapel on September 13th. Christine Margaret Perry was baptised by William A. Perry and confirmed by District President Charles L. Norton; Leigh Martin Perry was baptised by William A. Perry and confirmed by Albert Perry; Arnold Keith Perry was baptised by William A. Perry and confirmed by Thomas H. Heal; Stanley A. Gill was baptised by William A. Perry and confirmed by Elder Lamar Empey.

### BRISTOL DISTRICT

Reported by Frances B. Herman

On August 30th, the M.I.A. organised a social evening to precede the Bristol District Conference which was held on August 31st. The Mission Presidency attended the evening's programme, during which everyone enjoyed community singing led by President Wallace R. Reid and a musical selection given by the Primary children. Due to an

untimely strike of bus workers in the Bristol area, the number in attendance was limited.

For the first Sunday in September, the M.I.A. officers organised the programme for the evening meeting. A musical number given by Pat Carey and Elder Wesley R. Williams, a discussion led by Wesley G. Bowen, and a survey of the forthcoming year's M.I.A. programme by Samuel W. Dyson, completed the programme.

### HULL DISTRICT

Reported by Helen Bryant

On Saturday, August 30th, the Superintendency of the Hull Branch Sunday School sponsored an outing for twenty-one children. The party left Hull by motor bus for Hessle, situated on the banks of the River Humber. Games and racing events were thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants. A well-organised treasure hunt ended in a present for all. Tea was served in picnic style by the water side. A thoroughly tired but happy band returned to Hull at the day's close.

On Monday, September 1st, members of the Grimsby Branch and their friends journeyed by bus, bike, train and private motor cars to Hubbard's Hills, sixteen miles distant, to participate in the annual Sunday School

Treat. The day was crowded with activities, a picnic, and pleasant association together. Though Bernard Hall, the Sunday School Superintendent was unable to attend, he had been meticulous in planning the activities beforehand, and, under the direction of Mavis Oxely, the party ran very smoothly. The spot was pleasant, the weather ideal and the Saints cheerful—with such a combination of favourable circumstances and leadership the affair could not fail to be a pleasant diversion from present-day austerity.

Further social activity was engaged in during the evening of September 4th by approximately sixty Saints and guests. The occasion was a social evening in behalf of the Grimsby Branch Building Fund. A programme, including singing, dancing, humour, and games was planned and presented under the direction of Francis W. Hammond. Refreshments, donated and prepared by members, were sold at a moderate price. Financially the endeavour was profitable, and the participants seemed happy and entertained throughout the evening.

Plans are now being formulated to make the Hull District Conference a success when it is held in Grimsby on October 4th and 5th.

### **IRISH DISTRICT**

Reported by Grant R. Dalton

On September 10th, the Belfast Branch M.I.A. held its opening social. Recreation consisted of parlour games. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Open-air meetings at the Custom House in Belfast are continually bringing new investigators to the Branch meetings.

### **LEEDS DISTRICT**

Reported by George Pitts

Baptismal services were held at the Bradford Branch Chapel on Saturday, August 16th. Joan Day was baptised by Elder Fred Mason and confirmed by Elder Albert N. Chaston; Caroline Alice Gardener was baptised by Elder Mason and confirmed by Elder John M. Newey; Maureen Flynn was baptised by Elder Mason and confirmed by George Pitts.

The three branches of the Leeds District have just completed their respective branch conferences, under the direction of President Albert C. Walker. Afternoon sessions of the conferences were presented by the officers of the auxiliaries. Speakers for the evening services were the missionaries assigned to the District. A quartette by the German brethren from Leeds, directed by Herman Moessner, was a feature of all three conferences.

Officers of the Leeds District attended a Leadership Meeting in the Bradford Branch Chapel on Saturday, August 30th. Elder Ralph Jack took charge of the meeting.

Regular Priesthood Meetings are now held in the Dewsbury Branch at 10.30 a.m. every Sunday.

The Bradford Branch Beehive Class has organised a choir. It is now busily engaged in preparing numbers for presentation.

Thirty members and friends of the Leeds District received an unusual view of the English countryside when they visited Castle Hill in Huddersfield. The group, under the direction of George Pitts, enjoyed the panorama and all felt that the climb of 179 steps of the castle tower was well worth it. Ball games and community singing completed a day long to be remembered.

Organisation of a Relief Society in the Leeds Branch was recently completed under the direction of Sister Mary G. Walker. Edith Kendall was sustained as President.

Under the direction of Dewsbury Branch Primary Mother Annie Womersley, three Home Primaries have recently been organised. Attendance by neighbourhood children has proven a boon to the three Primaries. The membership in each is growing rapidly.

Youthful members of the Dewsbury Branch have organised a model Fire-side group with the aid of Elders John M. Newey and Hal K. Campbell.

Reorganisation of the Dewsbury

Branch has been completed as follows: Frederick A. Womersley, Branch President; Joseph Sutcliffe, First Counsellor; Thomas Moss, Second Counsellor; Lawrence T. Moore, Branch Clerk.

Home Sunday Schools in Huddersfield and Halifax are being contemplated, under the supervision of the District President.

### **LIVERPOOL DISTRICT**

Reported by Howard C. Macfarlane

On August 16th, the various branches of the Liverpool District took advantage of the sunshine and fresh air in the form of an Annual Sunday School outing. It was an event long looked forward to by the children and one which was enjoyed by all. Liverpool Branch made its way to Helsby where the members played softball, raced, and participated in other activities. Wigan Branch went by train to Parbold, where they were joined by a group from Preston. Sports and races were enjoyed. Prizes were given freely and everyone returned tired but happy. Burnley Branch enjoyed the sea-breezes at Blackpool. Swimming and wading were the high-lights of the day. Refreshments were served at each outing.

The Burnley Beehive girls and Primary children staged a one-act play at their chapel on August 23rd. Sixty-five were present to witness the performance. Refreshments were served, songs were sung, and games were played. All present agreed that it was a fine social, the only mishap being that the curtain fell before it should have. Steps were quickly taken, the damage repaired, and the show went on.

The monthly Union meeting was held in Preston on August 30th with a larger attendance than has been witnessed for several months. A social followed, in which each branch contributed its own talent.

A good showing was made by the Liverpool District at the tri-district Sunday School Convention held at Rochdale. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the day.

Baptismal services were held in the Burnley Chapel on August 10th. Renee Shackleton was baptised and confirmed by Robert Wilkinson.

### **LONDON DISTRICT**

Reported by Ruth Millard

On Saturday, September 6th, a musical concert was presented in the Luton Branch Hall and was attended by ninety-five people. Money raised was given in aid of the new Scout Troop of Luton Branch, led by Scoutmaster William Taylor-Smith and Assistant Scoutmaster Harry Laycock. The Luton District Scout Commissioner was in attendance. All present had an enjoyable evening.

Gravesend Branch Primary held an opening social and tea in the Branch Chapel on September 17th, under the supervision of Nellie Rudd. The eighteen children present all had a wonderful time. Adelaide Palmer was in charge of the refreshments.

On Saturday, September 13th, the St. Albans Branch held a social, entitled "For You the Bell Tolls," preceding their Branch Conference on September 14th. There was very good attendance at all conference sessions and a fine spirit prevailed.

The Annual Primary outing of the South London Branch was held on July 30th, when thirty-five children were taken to Regents Park Zoo, under the supervision of Consie Wynn, Primary Mother.

To celebrate the close of a very successful summer programme, the South London M.I.A. joined with North London in an outing to Hampstead Heath. About forty members were present.

On Wednesday, August 20th, the South London Branch Presidency sponsored a coach trip to Brighton. Its success may indicate that more like trips will be planned in the near future.

On Saturday, September 20th, South London Branch opened the M.I.A. season with a social. Forty people were in attendance and had an enjoyable evening.

## MANCHESTER DISTRICT

Reported by Norman T. Woodhead

Oldham Branch Sunday School held a Beetle Drive and Social in the chapel on August 2nd, under the direction of Superintendent Mills. Prizes were awarded to Mary Ellen Wynn and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wynn. The Sunday School children served salad and fruit drinks.

On August 9th the Oldham M.I.A. held a social and dance directed by May Haigh. About thirty-five persons were in attendance. Refreshments consisted of hot dogs and fruit drinks. Previous to the dance, the M Men baseball team and a team from Stretford played an interesting game ending in a victory for Stretford ten to nine. A return game was played on August 16th, ending in a draw, six to six.

The Oldham Relief Society has been busy this month bottling apples, plums and pears. Tinned products have also been purchased for the Welfare Project.

William Fitton was sustained as second counsellor to Oldham Branch President Frank Mellor.

On Tuesday, September 9th, an additional fifty pounds of tomatoes were bottled and placed in the Welfare storage cupboard by the Rochdale Branch Priesthood and Relief Society.

On Saturday, September 13th, the Rochdale M.I.A. opened their winter session with an Autumn Ball. Sixty M Men and Gleaners and their friends enjoyed a full evening's dancing.

The Rochdale M Men held a football practice match on September 12th. They played their first real match of the season against a local youth club and were defeated by five goals to one.

## NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

Reported by Joyce H. Tiffen

A "Bring and Buy Sale" was held in South Shields on August 25th, under the direction of the Relief Society sisters. There was a fine display of fruit, vegetables, and other goods. The sum of £11 was raised for the Relief Society.

On Saturday, September 6th, in the grounds of Hutton Hall, in a lovely setting on the edge of the Yorkshire Moors, the West Hartlepool Sunday School held its annual outing. There were forty-four children and parents present. All enjoyed the fine weather and beautiful countryside. Games and races were the features of the afternoon. As the specially chartered bus rolled home in darkness, all were agreed that they had had a grand time.

## NORWICH DISTRICT

Reported by Alfred F. Woodhouse

On August 30th, the Norwich Branch Sunday School sponsored a concert and social to raise funds for its annual outing. A scene picturing "My Garden" portrayed by the children, with Elsie Martins as "gardener," was one of the features of the evening. The scene was under the direction of Sister Clora Chidester, with Leslie J. Cook in charge of stage scenery and settings. During the course of the evening, a presentation of three vases was made to Sister Chidester as a farewell token of the love and appreciation of the Branch members.

The children of the Norwich Branch Sunday School were taken by bus to the coastal village of Sea Palling on September 4th for their summer outing. Bathing, games, and a sand castle competition were some of the features which helped to make an enjoyable day for both the children and the officers in charge.

Alfred F. Woodhouse was appointed and sustained as District Assistant to the Sunday School on August 31st.

Yarmouth Branch President Albert A. Cole and Elders Dale M. Chapman and Albert N. Chaston accepted an invitation to speak at the Adult School on September 7th. Talks were delivered on the Welfare Programme and Church History.

After many years of faithful and devoted service in the Sunday School, May Blowers was released as first assistant in the Lowestoft Branch

Sunday School on September 14th. Leslie Coleby was appointed and sustained to this office.

On September 14th, the Norwich District Sunday School Convention was held at the Lowestoft Branch Chapel. William O. Chipping, Superintendent of the British Mission Sunday Schools, and George F. Poole, Second Counsellor in the Mission Presidency, were in attendance. The programme was arranged by the Sunday School Board. Speakers included President Poole, the missionaries of the Norwich District, and C. John Durrant, a Sunday School teacher. Musical items were rendered by Mildred Jennis, Albert A. Cole, Sister Betty Mitchell, and choruses by the children of the District Sunday Schools.

### **NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT**

Reported by Ruth Gates

The following District officers have been sustained: Elder Joseph M. Reed, District Clerk; George Winfield, M.I.A. Advisor; Florence Wright, Relief Society Advisor; Sister Agnes Fraser, Primary Advisor.

The Mansfield Branch Chapel has just received a thorough cleaning by members of the M.I.A. The season's opening M.I.A. social was a supper held on September 19th.

On August 29th, the Nottingham M.I.A. mastered the game of baseball, after which the Gleaners served refreshments. An entertaining home-talent evening with all participating on the programme was held on August 5th.

Eastwood Primary and Sunday School outing was held on August 16th. The children had an enjoyable time travelling to Loughborough Park. Eastwood Branch Relief Society held a jumble sale on Friday, August 29th, the proceeds of which are to be used in preparation for the forthcoming bazaar.

District missionaries spent an entertaining day on September 1st, travelling to Birmingham, Coventry, War-

wick Castle, and Stratford-on-Avon, climaxing the day's events with the witnessing of a Shakespeare drama, "The Tempest."

Wilford Robinson has been sustained as the Nottingham Branch President with Harry H. Hall being released.

The following persons were baptised at Nottingham on August 16th: Yvonne Webster, Beryl Constance, Coe Cummings and Leon Thomas Hewardine were baptised by Elder C. William Knowles and confirmed by Elder Vaughn Terry; Catherine Unsworth Webster, Frederick William King, and Valerie Joy Wright were baptised and confirmed by Elder Knowles; George Reginald Sunderland was baptised by Elder Knowles and confirmed by Elder Joseph M. Reed. On September 12th, at Eastwood, the following persons were baptised: Arthur Coleman was baptised by Elder Vaughn Terry and confirmed by District President Kohn Gunn McKay; Edwin James Williamson was baptised by Elder Terry and confirmed by Sidney G. Hill; John Stevenson Buxton was baptised by Elder Terry and confirmed by Elder Albert E. Hopkinson.

An M.I.A. Cultural Arts Concert was presented on August 23rd. The programme included many entertaining numbers: selections by the twenty voice Nottingham Male Chorus; dances by artistic ballerina Pat Adams; an entertaining one-act play with Gwendolyn Hall portraying "Little Darling"; piano selections by Elder Hal Campbell; and other tap dancing numbers, recitations, instrumental music, vocal renditions and skits. Eight graceful Gleaner Girls in flowing pastel formals concluded the programme with a floor dance demonstration.

### **SCOTTISH DISTRICT**

Reported by William H. Stoneman

On August 2nd, the Airdrie Branch, under the direction of Walter Clark, made the famous three Loch tour in a chartered coach. An enjoyable time was had by all.

The Aberdeen Branch M.I.A., under

the direction of Elder Junior E. Call of the Y.M.M.I.A., and Betty Sutherland of the Y.W.M.I.A., presented its opening social on September 2nd. The features of the evening were several new and exciting games conducted by both leaders. The programme for the coming year was reviewed.

Airdrie Branch M.I.A. opened the season with a social held at the home of Branch President Graham. Toffee apples were served to all in attendance.

The Glasgow Branch M.I.A. is under capable leadership. William Scott is the Young Men's president and Marjorie Foote is in charge of the Young Women's. The opening social held on September 16th was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Thomas McMulkin of the Glasgow Branch was baptised into the Church on September 13th by Elder Reed M. Izatt and confirmed by Branch President A. K. Leslie.

On September 16th, the Edinburgh Branch M.I.A., under the leadership of Nan Patterson and Elder Verl Iverson, held its opening social. Elder Leo G. Greenhalgh was master of ceremonies, presenting a fine programme of highland dancing and vocal and instrumental numbers. Refreshments were served during an intermission of community singing and piano music. The M.I.A. also presented a short play under the direction of Katherine Horner. Sixty-two members and friends were present.

### **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT**

Reported by Arvilla Smith

A welfare social evening, sponsored by the Sheffield Branch Presidency, was held in the recreation hall on July 26th. Relief Society sisters provided delightful refreshments. Musical items, dancing, and games were all directed by M.I.A. officers.

Sheffield Branch Conference was held on July 27th under the direction of the Branch Presidency: Joseph F. Quinney, George H. Bailey, Jr., and Albert Maybury. District President

David W. Egbert was in attendance. A specially prepared programme of talks and musical items was given by members of the Sunday School and the Priesthood.

Amy Elizabeth Parr was baptised on August 16th in the Sheffield Branch Chapel by President Egbert, and confirmed by Elder J. Blythe Moyes.

A Sunday School outing, arranged by the Sheffield Branch Sunday School Superintendency, was held August 23rd at Chapelton. A large number of Saints and friends enjoyed the games and picnic tea.

Doncaster Branch held its annual Sunday School outing on September 13th at the seaside resort of Bridlington. A private bus took nineteen adults and twenty-three children. In spite of wind and rain, an enjoyable time was spent by all.

Barbara and Malcolm Crossland of the Barnsley Branch were baptised on August 16th by President Egbert and confirmed by Presidents Fred Birkhead and Joseph F. Quinney.

A ramble was held at the Palmale Fields in Silkstone on August 23rd, under the direction of the newly-organised M.I.A. of Barnsley Branch.

Barnsley Branch Conference was held on August 30th. Fifty-six persons were in attendance. Branch auxiliaries were organised as follows: Relief Society Presidency, Gladys Mills, Rose Scargill, Doris Crossland, with Jane Birkhead as secretary; M.I.A. President, Fred Mills; Sunday School Superintendency, Roy Birkhead, Harry Hall, Raymond Crossland, with Barbara Birkhead as secretary.

### **WELSH DISTRICT**

Reported by Gladys Mason

A Relief Society social was held in the Varteg Branch on August 26th. A supper was supervised by the first and second counsellors, Hilda Forward and Ivy Hyde. Games were directed by Sister Elva Bennett, and were enjoyed by all.

On August 29th, a Fireside Evening was conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry, which was attended by several members and two non-members.

On September 5th a Cottage Meeting was held at the home of Varteg Branch President Hayden Forward,

where a lantern lecture on Church history was given by President Bennett. It was enjoyed by all present.

On September 6th, a general meeting for branch auxiliaries was held at Merthyr. It was instructed by Elder William C. Stone.

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCES

BRISTOL, NEWCASTLE, IRISH, LEEDS

**I**NCREASE in attendance at the past month's District Conferences is indicative of the continual growth of the British Mission. Conferences were held at Bristol, Sunderland, Belfast, and Bradford on August 31st, September 7th, September 14th, and September 21st respectively. Presidents Selvoy J. Boyer and Wallace R. Reid of the Mission Presidency were in attendance at all conferences. President George F. Poole, the other member of the Presidency, was in attendance at all conferences except the Irish, at which time he was assigned to the Sunday School Convention at Norwich.

The Mission Presidency noted a high spiritual condition among the Saints. They noted, too, as they drove from branch to branch, that the food markets have ample produce at present, and that the Saints have wisely accumulated reserve stocks for the forthcoming winter months.

Bristol District Conference convened in the Cooperative Hall at Bristol. There were three main sessions during which the main speakers were the Mission Presidency, their wives and the District Elders. Dennis Collins was ap-

pointed Branch President of Bristol Branch during the day in succession to Elder Hugh A. McLean.

Newcastle District Conference was held in the Cooperative Hall at Sunderland. On the Saturday evening preceding the conference, a programme of skits, dancing, and musical numbers was presented. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the conference sessions. An open-air meeting conducted by the Elders of the District was held immediately after the closing session of conference.

Irish District Conference was held in the Belfast Branch Hall in Belfast. As in the other conferences of the 1947 autumn series, there were many investigators in attendance. During the course of the day, Elder Carl Whatcott was appointed President of the Irish District, replacing Elder Weston N. Christensen.

Leeds District Conference convened at the Woodlands St. Chapel at Bradford. Main speakers included the Mission Presidency and the Leeds District missionaries. Peak attendance exceeded two hundred Saints and friends.

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**W**ITHIN the recorded prayer given at the dedication of the Temple at Kirtland, by the Prophet, Joseph Smith, on March 27th, 1836, we find the following recorded:

"And as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom, seek learning even by study and also by faith." (D. and C. 109: 7)

British Saints are urged to read the literature of the Church, which of course includes the *Millennial Star*, the voice of the Church in Britain.

If you have a friend, relative, or associate, who is seeking guidance, strengthening of faith, or the accumulation of knowledge, remind them of the *Star's* valuable contribution. Circulation is not confined to Great Britain for the *Star* can be posted to any place in the world at the same subscription prices: 8d. per copy, 2/- for three months, 4/- for six months, or 7/6 for one year.

## PERSONALS

### BIRTHS

**WAITE.** — David Waite, infant son of Albert and Gladys Proctor Waite of the Bradford Branch, born July 14th, was blessed on August 17th by Branch President William McCormick.

**HATTON-WARD.** — The infant son of Frank and Isabel Hatton-Ward of the South London Branch, born on July 15th, was blessed on August 17th by his father and given the name of Frank.

**MITCHELL.**—Paul Thomas Mitchell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Mitchell of the Brighton Branch was born on August 18th and blessed on September 14th by his father.

### MARRIAGES

**STRETCH-WATTS.** — On August 30th, Marie Stretch and William Ashton Watts of the Gravesend Branch were married.

**KRAUS-LOWIS.** — The marriage of Stanley Lowis and Multa Schole Kraus of the Gravesend Branch took place at Salzgitter on Septmber 17th.

**BAILEY-NORTON.** — The marriage of Vera Bailey and Allan Morton took place in the Sheffield Branch Chapel on August 30th, Herbert Bailey performing the ceremony.

**HARTLEY - BISHOP.** — Catherine Hartley, formerly of Wigan Branch, was married to Harold D. Bishop in the Idaho Falls Temple on July 19th, President David Smith officiating. Temple on July 21st.

**MAXWELL-OWENS.** — Emily Maxwell of Salt Lake City, Utah, and John Edward Owens, formerly of the Burnley Branch, were married on September 15th in the Salt Lake Temple.

**HARTLEY-LUND.** — Joan Hartley, formerly of Wigan Branch, was married to Arnold O. Lund, Jnr., in the Logan Temple on July 21st.

### EMIGRATIONS

**WILKINSON.**—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilkinson and their daughter, Olga, sailed for America on August 15th aboard the "S.S. Marine Falcon." A farewell social was held in their honour at the Burnley Branch Chapel. The Wilkinsons have been faithful and energetic workers in the Branch. They now reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**BAILEY.**—Herbert Bailey, Winifred Bailey, and their son, Darrell, sailed for the United States aboard the "S.S. Marine Falcon" on September 13th. A farewell social was held in their honour on September 9th in the Sheffield Branch chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are well known throughout the British Mission and have been very active in Church activities for many years.

**SCOTT.**—Ethyl Scott of the Glasgow Branch has recently emigrated to Vancouver B.C. A farewell social was given by the Branch in her honour on August 19th. She has been a most diligent and faithful worker in the Branch, holding various offices in the auxiliaries.

**SPENCER.** — Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spencer of the South London Branch left by air for Salt Lake City on August 25th. They were both active in Church work. Mrs. Spencer has been President of the South London Relief Society up to the time of her departure.

**LEWIS.**—Marjorie Lewis, member of the South London Branch, left on September 19th for America aboard the "Marine Marlin."

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### CONFERENCE REMINDER

**B** **BRITISH SAINTS** are reminded of the following district conferences to be held during the month of October:

October 5th	- - - -	Hull
October 12th	- - - -	Scottish
October 26th	- - - -	Sheffield

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baptismal fonts, and going forth and receiving all the ordinances, baptisms, confirmations, washings, anointings, ordinations and sealing powers upon their heads, in behalf of all their progenitors who are dead, and redeem them that they may come forth in the first resurrection and be exalted to thrones of glory with them; and herein is the chain that binds the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers, which fulfils the mission of Elijah." (Ibid p. 330)

### THE PROMISES TO THE FATHERS

As Moroni repeated the words of Section 2 to the Prophet Joseph Smith and emphasized them by three-fold repetition that same evening of September 21st, 1823, his words gave a clearer interpretation to the words of the Prophet Malachi. Elijah should "plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers." Who were the fathers to whom promises worthy of remembrance had been made, and what were these noteworthy promises?

Clearly we can begin with the great patriarchs and prophets of old such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They were indeed the forefathers of modern members of the Church as explained in the Doctrine and Covenants, Section 103, verse 17. "For ye are the children of Israel, and of the seed of Abraham."

In the book of Genesis in the Bible, and in the Book of Abraham in the Pearl of Great Price are enumerated the glorious covenants of the Lord with Abraham because of his faithfulness. His descendants, among other things, should bear the right to the Priesthood, if faithful. They should be the teachers of the Gospel to all nations of the earth. They should be entitled to the promised land of Palestine and the land of Zion in America. They should be blessed with an innumerable posterity. To Abraham the Lord prom-

ised that if he could count the number of the stars in the heaven or "if thou canst count the number of sands, so shall be the number of thy seeds." (Abraham 3: 14)

Thus Abraham and his sons Isaac and Jacob after him, to whom these same covenants were continued, were promised a fullness of eternal exaltation. No better summary of this high reward can be found than that given by the Lord to John the Revelator:

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." (Rev. 3: 21)

Joseph was the most faithful son of Jacob and to him was given the birth-right in Israel. Joseph was father of two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

When Jacob blessed his two grandsons, he "crossed his hands wittingly" so that his right hand rested upon the head of Ephraim. Joseph protested this order of procedure:

"And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

"And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

"And his father refused, and said, I know it my son, I know it: he also shall become a people and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

"And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh." (Genesis 48: 17-20)

Down through the generations of lineage from these patriarchs to the present other faithful fathers and

mothers of our ancestry have likewise lived faithful and have merited blessings, not only for themselves, but for the worthy among their posterity to the latest generation. The Prophet Joseph Smith, for example, was greatly blessed in his lineage. Of him Brigham Young once explained:

**"The Lord has his eye upon him, and upon his father, and upon his father's father, and upon their progenitors clear back to Abraham, from Abraham to the flood, from the flood to Enoch and from Enoch to Adam. He had watched that family and that blood as it has circulated from its fountain to the birth of that man. The union of the various ancestors kept that blood pure."**

So also did the early founders of the faith in pioneer days, by their sacrifices and devotion, win everlasting blessings for their faithful posterity.

#### **THE HEARTS OF THE CHILDREN**

**"And the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers."** Whoever looks about him today will discern marvellous evidences of the fulfilment of this promise. Wherever one travels he will find numerous men and women whose thoughts and admiration have turned to their fathers and mothers of former days. Innumerable examples may be cited of how such persons have studied and laboured to preserve the records and the life stories of their progenitors.

Volumes of family histories have been compiled and printed by the thousands. Genealogical Societies have been organised. Pictures of ancestral homes have been gathered. Great Genealogical libraries are thronged with eager searchers. In libraries and record archives in America and in Europe have been painstakingly gathered, reconditioned and preserved, numerous volumes of records containing the names and dates and ancestry of the forefathers of Church members. Never in all the ages of the past has there been such an awakening of interest in the lives of the "fathers" as has come about since the restoration

of the keys brought by Elijah, on the 3rd of April, 1836.

With that coming the marvellous beginning of the fulfilment of Section 2 took place as the great Prophet Elijah himself uttered these words:

**"Behold, the time has fully come, which was spoken of by the mouth of Malachi — testifying that he (Elijah) should be sent, before the great and dreadful day of the Lord come—**

**"To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers, lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse—**

**"Therefore, the keys of this dispensation are committed into your hands; and by this ye may know that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors." (Doctrine and Covenants, Section 110: 14-16)**

In the unfolding of the mighty programme of the Lord for these latter-days, Moroni delivered his message and Elijah restored his keys. The Prophet Joseph Smith explained clearly the obligation of the Latter-day Saints to trace their ancestry and to be sealed up to all their progenitors who are dead.

The Lord has and still is fulfilling His part of the great plan in making records available to all the Saints; but are we as Latter-day Saints performing our part of this great mission? In the words of President Brigham Young:

**"We have a work to do just as important in its sphere as the Saviour's work was in its sphere. Our fathers cannot be made perfect without us; we cannot be made perfect without them. They have done their work and now sleep. We are now called upon to do ours; which is to be the greatest work man ever performed on the earth." (Discourses of Brigham Young, p. 406)**

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lack of scientific, educational, and industrial development in the areas where Christian thought had not penetrated.

Yet the centuries have failed to implant in us a faith sufficient to influence decisively our personal and social living to the ends of peace and good will. There are many millions undoubtedly, particularly among the lowly and the humble, who in their hearts subscribe to the precepts of the Saviour, but there are many who do not, and all of us in more or less degree, contribute to the total of evil in the world. This faithlessness and this aggregate of evil in thought and in resulting action have been sufficient to influence our life as a people, and our lives as individuals to the point where the efficacy of Christ's teaching is nullified to a dangerous degree as our distracted world testifies.

As a result, greed thrives in the world. Class strife and race hatred exist widely in both backward and advanced countries. Science has been used and is used falsely to destroy faith in God. (Truly interpreted, science is confirmation of God and evidence of the fulfilment of His purposes.) Our educational system is wisely divorcing itself from denominational and sectarian controversy, and control has also divorced itself from much of the basic religious teaching which has been the prime factor in the development of our civilisation. We repose our trust in material power and wealth, not in things of the spirit. Religious fanaticism, expressing itself in rioting and bloodshed in the Orient, is delaying the setting up of orderly government. In the midst of a potential plenty, whole nations face want and in some cases starvation. And now, great empires, who fought side by side to destroy the

civil monster which arose in Italy and Germany, threaten another world war. This, all, is what mankind has come to.

England's great historian, Toynbee, condenses the world situation in a phrase: "Man is a god in technology, an ape in living." Must our civilisation descend to the level of the ape, live the ape's law which is the law of brute force, and surrender our spiritual inheritance?

The new vision and understanding which has come to the world in our time, of which mention has been made, supplies the answer to this question. The answer is, "No."

In a beautiful grove near Palmyra, New York, in the spring of 1820, there came to the boy prophet, Joseph Smith, in answer to his prayer for help and guidance, a vision of the Father and the Son, a glorious reaffirmation of the nature and personality of God. From this vision was born the new church, which is the ancient Church of Christ restored to the earth in these, the last days. The Restored Church, as foretold by Isaiah, has been established in the tops of the mountains in the New World.

The great vision which came to Joseph Smith made known to mankind anew the truth that God lives and through the ministry of His Son, Jesus Christ, is preparing the world for its redemption and its ultimate glory. Humbly, but with a faith that has already conquered a desert and is building up in men a power which in the appointed time will overcome all evil, the Church moves on to its foretold destiny. It is carrying the Gospel to every kindred, tongue and people, to warn the inhabitants and prepare the world for the final consummation of God's purposes. What sacrifice and suffering must be endured before this fulfilment, no one knows. But that future no righteous man need fear; and surely it will come to pass because God has proclaimed it.



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In the former I would have insulted him and the latter, I would have sinned against God as a result, so either way—as he saw it—I was terribly wrong, having joined the Church. . . .

“I then began to explain the Priesthood given to the Apostles, and pointed out the record in history of the Great Apostacy at which time the Priesthood was necessarily taken from man not to be restored until bestowed upon the Prophet Joseph Smith, Jnr., and Oliver Cowdery in the early part of the last century which opened the last dispensation to man, the dispensation of the Fulness of Times. He admitted that the Catholic Church is wrong, but did not agree that the many bickering, divided sects now striving with each other for the greatest number of souls were not instituted by Jesus Christ, Himself, in the time of His ministry upon the earth. . . . He said he didn't wish to go into the theology of the

matter but was against any church body who held the claim of being ‘the only true Church, for all religious sects are members of the ‘one universal church.’ Nothing could be farther from the truth. The Lord said that His house would be a house of order, and where is the order exemplified among the chaos of the Protestant Churches? . . .

“It is my humble prayer that the Lord will use this experience to enlarge my love for Him and my willingness to carry the Gospel unto all men of my association and as a constant reminder of the ways of temptation and sin and that the Lord will bless both the Chaplain and me and our relations together.”

A few days later Gordon Greninger writes: “By now the Chaplain has grown accustomed to having a Mormon assistant and even gave fifteen minutes to complimenting the Church and its members in a lecture to students in the University, according to rumour.”

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as the programmes of music and drama show.

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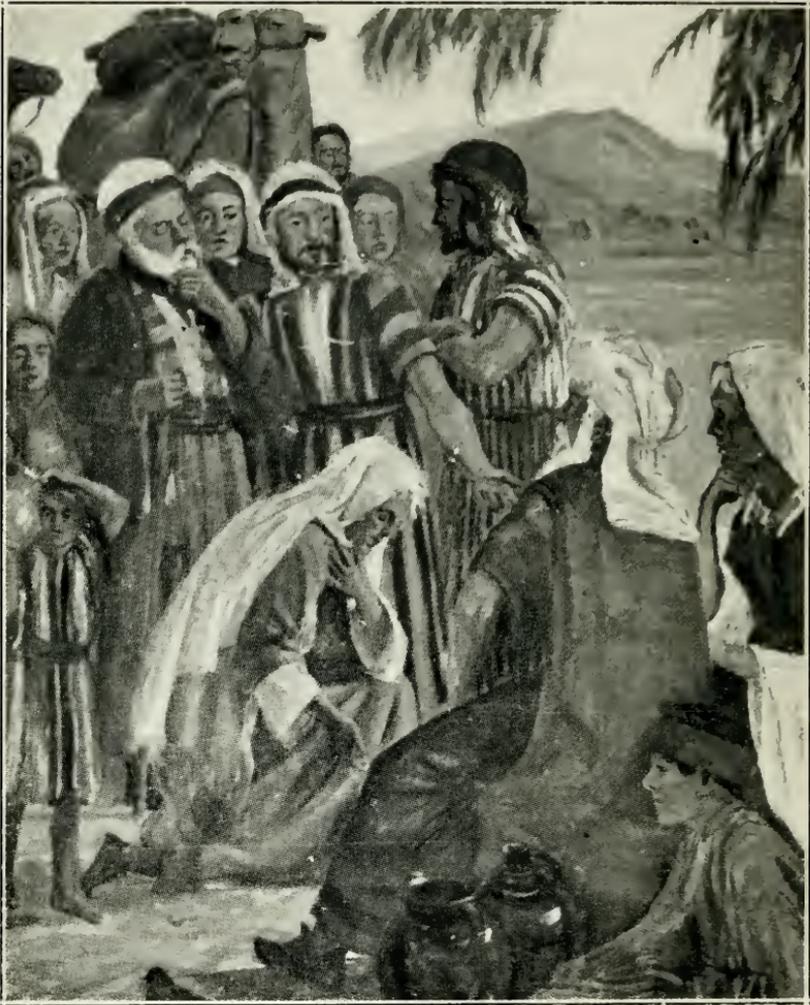
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"The Lord commanded that I, Nephi, and my brethren, should again return unto the land of Jerusalem, and bring down Ishmael, insomuch that they took their journey with us to the tent of our father . . . and as we journeyed, Laman and Lemuel, and two of the daughters of Ishmael, and the two sons of Ishmael and their families, did rebel against us; . . . They were desirous to return unto the land of Jerusalem. They were angry with me and did bind me with cords, for they sought to leave me in the wilderness to be devoured by wild beasts. But behold one of the daughters of Ishmael, and also her mother, and one of the sons, did plead with my brethren. And after we had come down unto the tent of my father they did give thanks to their God; and did offer sacrifices and burnt offerings unto him." (Abridg. I Nephi, Chap. 7)